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SUBJECT: ARMS SEIZURE IN ISTANBUL

REF: ISTANBUL 1904 (NOTAL)

1. GOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE JUNE 15 ISSUED FOLLOWING

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PRESS RELEASE: QUOTE ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL INFORMATION

RECEIVED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE REPUBLIC, THE

LAWYER OF THE SEPTIMARIS COMPANY, OWNERS OF THE SHIP ON

WHICH ARMS AND AMMUNITION WERE FOUND WHEN IT CALLED AT

ISTANBUL, HAS TOLD THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES THAT THE CARGO WAS

DESTINED FOR THE ETHIOPIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. THE

LOADING TOOK PLACE AT BURGAS, BULGARIA, AND THE NEXT

PORTS OF CALL WOULD HAVE BEEN HAIFA AND MASSAWA, ETHIOPIA. ACCORDING TO THE SAME INFORMATION, THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA HAS MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO TURKEY CONCERNING THE DETENTION OF THE SHIP. FROM THE ABOVE IT EMERGES CLEARLY THAT THE ALLEGATIONS OF THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES THAT THE ARMS WERE DESTINED FOR CYPRUS ARE COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED AND AIM AT SERVING PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. UNQUOTE

2. ON JUNE 8 THE GOC SPOKESMAN ASKED TO COMMENT ON ALLEGATIONS OF SOME CYPRIOT CONNECTION WITH THE "VASSO BOLA" RESPONDED: QUOTE NO SHIP UNDER THE NAME OF 'VASSO BOLA' IS REGISTERED IN THE CYPRUS REGISTER OF SHIPS. IN ANY CASE, THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT WISHES TO STRESS EMPHATICALLY THAT IT HAS NO CONNECTION OR INVOLVEMENT IN THE RUMORED TRANSPORTATION OF ARMS OR ANY OTHER CARGO BY THE SAID SHIP. UNQUOTE  
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